

Questions and Answers on Exercise Support RFP W911W4-06-R-0013

	Offeror's question	RFP paragraph and Page reference	Government Response
1	Is the prime required to have a facility clearance or can a significant subcontractor have one?	DD 254	Any prime or subcontractor that employ's an individual with a security clearance must fully comply with the facility clearance requirements on the DD 254. The facility clearance is required at time of award"
2	Does the medical and dental review described in SOW 2.1.2.4 pertain to all linguist and management personnel hired for CONUS exercise support, such as those required for Sample Order 1, or only to those personnel to be deployed overseas and only when specified by the government?	SOW 2.1.2.4 Medical Review (p.10)	Paragraph 2.1.2.4 will be deleted by amendment.
3	Section H.12, LABOR RATE TABLE (ATTACHMENT 5), states: "The Labor Rate Table (Attachment 5)  We request the Government reconsider requiring bidders to propose floor and cap labor rates and delete the requirements in H.12 and Attachment 5, Labor Rate Table.	Section H.12 and Attachment 5 Labor Rate Table	An RFP amendment will delete the requirement for floor and cap rates and the Labor Rate Table.
4	RFP Sec. L.11, Factor 3.0 "Cost", Para 7.a(1) (p. 74) states, "Offeror should propose site management and linguist costs based on a workweek of 12 hours per day 6 days per week. Full Time Equivalent (FTE) is equal to 3,744 man-hours per	Sec L.11, Factor 3.0 "Cost", Para 7.a(1) (p 74) and Sample Order 1 SOW Paragraph 4.0 (g) Additional Operational Requirements	An amendment will be issued to revise L.11 Factor 3.0 Cost Para 7.a(1) (p.74) so that all references to FTE are removed and to state "Offeror should propose site management and

	<p>year and should be proposed accordingly.”</p> <p>However, Sample Order 1 SOW Para. 4.0(g) states, “The contractor should be prepared to work twelve (12) hours per day for the duration of the support period.”</p> <p>Which should be the guiding factor in pricing the labor costs for linguists, the six-day week at 12 hours per day or 12-hours per day for the duration of the exercise?</p>	(p.92)	<p>linguist costs based on 12 hours per day for the duration of the exercise.”</p> <p>Attachment 2, ¶ 4.0 will be revised to state “The Contractor should be prepared to work twelve (12) hours per day for the duration of the exercise.”</p>
5	<p>Please clarify how the Fixed Fee will be determined for future CPFF orders.</p>	<p>RFP Section H.9.2 (p.27) and Section L.11 Factor 3.0 “Cost”, Para 7.e (p 76)</p>	<p>The fee will be based upon the original fee amount determination for a linguist day proposed under the sample task. The proposed fee is relative to the total cost base for the sample order. H.9.2 and Section L Factor 3 paragraph 7(e) will be revised</p>
6	<p>Is there a charge to the contractor for the Government Furnished Services such as Emergency Services (to include medical) for all contracted personnel?</p>	<p>Attachment 2 , 6.a Page 93</p>	<p>Emergency services, to include emergency medical services, will not be denied. In the event that medical services are provided that are determined <b>not</b> to be emergency in nature, then those services shall be reimbursable to the Government by the Contractor, or the individual, or their insurers.”</p>
7	<p>“Each volume shall completely address the ...” Would seem to indicate that cost and past performance must be addressed in each volume, contrary to instructions to segregate cost and</p>	<p>Para L.10.3, last sentence</p>	<p>Cost information shall be included in the cost proposal, only.</p>

	past performance.		
8	<p>“The information listed below shall also be included in the Management Volume...” Are we correct in assuming that the sentence refers to the items listed above the paragraph?</p>	Para L.10.4 (a), last sentence	That is a correct assumption. The word “below” will be changed to “above” by RFP amendment.
9	<p>The Government response to Question #2 of the Response to Industry released in Fall 2005 stated that a small business’ eligibility would be based on meeting the NAICS average revenue requirement for the company’s Fiscal Years 2003 through 2005. Since the release of the RFP was delayed, will the basis of revenue change from FY 2003-2005?</p> <p>Should the revenue basis change, it may impact the eligibility of companies that have incurred significant costs in anticipation of RFP release</p>	Responses to Questions to Draft RFP– Fall 2005; Page 48, Section I; Page 71, Section K	The basis of revenue will remain unchanged for this RFP.
10	Does the prime have to have a current Government Audit on hand?		No previous audits are required to have been performed on proposed prime contractors or subcontractors. Audit assistance will be requested from DCAA for proposals submitted by potential prime contractors and subcontractors consistent with FAR 15, subpart 400 and DFARS 15.400 et seq. Before any award can be made, the contractor’s accounting system and the

			subcontractor's accounting system must be determined to be sufficient to determine costs applicable to any cost contract.
11	Is Fort Irwin a Federal Enclave?		Please communicate with the Staff Judge Advocate's Office at Fort Irwin regarding questions relating to jurisdiction at Fort Irwin.
12	Will bids to provide translation services only (no interpretation) be considered for W911W4-06-R-0013 Exercise Support		No.
13	Will air transport be provided by the Military for linguists?		Transportation by MILAIR will not be provided.
14	Will housing and meals for linguists be provided by the military as a result of linguists living on a military base?		Pursuant to the Sample Order (¶ 6.0 c), lodging will be provided for all contracted personnel. Meal will be provided by the Government per ¶ 6.0 d. Future orders will separately identify the procedure for providing food and lodging.
15	What is the estimated number of linguists that will be needed for MSA and Arabic-Iraq per year or over the term of the contract?		There is no annual requirement for linguists. Each Task Order as issued will specify the requirement for the period of time associated to that order.
16	Fixed Fee: Is the fee based on planned linguist days and not actual linguist days because if a specific linguist does not provide the full 3,744 man hours and is replaced by another linguist the balance of 3,744 man hours is		The 3,744 man hour requirement will be removed from the contract by amendment. The fee will be based upon the original fee amount determination for

	still available for the replacement.		a linguist day proposed under the sample task. The proposed fee is relative to the total cost base for the sample order. H.9.2 and Section L Factor 3 paragraph 7(e) will be revised by amendment.
17	Will the approved linguist be required to go through a training prior to being deployed.		Training shall be as specified in the individual Task Order. The only training contemplated for the Sample Order is at ¶ 4.0 a. No deployment is contemplated or incorporated into the Sample Order.
18	Is documentation required to be submitted of the results of the language testing for OPI and written?		Language skill testing documentation and all pre-screening documentation must be maintained by the contractor and available for Government review.
19	When will the award of the RFP be made?		The date is not known at this time.
20	What is the estimated date that the first Task Order will be issued		The date is not known at this time.
21	Is the Government's intent that offerors price a medical and dental screening IAW 2.1.2.4 (page 10) for each linguist priced against Sample Order 1?	2.1.2.4, page 10	Paragraph 2.1.2.4 has been deleted, see
22	What are the standards for the medical screening? For example, 2.1.2.4 requires an HIV antibody test, but does not stipulate that an person testing positive can not be employed. The paragraph states the contractor shall "generally" comply with AR 40-501, however	2.1.2.4, page 10	Paragraph 2.1.2.4 has been deleted. See answer 2.

	FAR clause 52.222-36 (Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities) is incorporated and the paragraph also states exceptions will be made. As an example, a person missing an eye would not meet AR 40-501 standards for enlistment but would meet the only physical requirement listed in Sample Order 1 (4.0f, page 92).		
23	How often does the Government require a linguist be medically screened? For example, if a CAT I linguist was screened for an NTC rotation (Sample Order 1), would they require a complete medical and dental screen to be employed on the next NTC rotation?	2.1.2.4, page 10	Para. 2.1.2.4 has been deleted, see answer 2 above.
24	<p>GFE meals. Paragraph 6.0d states “Three meals daily—breakfast, lunch and dinner. Employees consuming meals at the NTC Dining Facility will be required to pay a surcharge that will be reimbursable by the Government.”</p> <p>a. Will GFE meals be provided in the field for those contractor employees in the field? Will cash be collected for those meals and the vendor reimbursed so that contractor employees are reimbursed?</p> <p>b. For meals consumed in the NTC Dining Facility, will contractor employees be charged the base meal rate, plus surcharge or just the surcharge?</p> <p>c. If cash is collected for meals will it be at the standard rate (\$1.95 for breakfast, \$3.55 for lunch and dinner) which includes surcharge or the discounted</p>		Meals will be provided by the Government, when contract personnel are in-the-field during the exercise training, on a non-reimbursable basis. Costs for meals should not be included in offeror’s proposals. In the event that meals are acquired at the NTC Dining Facility, receipts will be provided upon request. Reimbursement will be made to the Contractor in the amount of the receipts submitted within regular invoices.

	<p>rate (\$1.60 and 3.05)?</p> <p>d. What is the surcharge amount? \$0.35 for breakfast and \$0.50 for lunch and dinner?</p> <p>e. How does the Government anticipate the contractor account for surcharged meals for reimbursement?</p> <p>f. Will GFE meals be halal?</p>		
25	For this contract, can we treat the Cat I, II and III linguists as exempt from the SCA?		The Service Contract Act clauses are included and the Department of Labor Wage Determination is attached onto this RFP and will be part of the subsequent contract.